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Henry Hastings Hall to Theodosia Hall, 27 November 1847

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Dear Theodosia

As no previous opportunity has occurred I send this and a letter of an earlier date (for Edward) by the same Boat since writing to Edward Mr Symmons has returned [?bringing] [---] still more pressing invitation than the one in your last, also a note for Sarah Mr S was particularly kind he called on me & expressed his entire satisfaction at the manner you were living in in the most glowing terms — he shook hands with me twice & appeared to enjoy the pleasing intelligence as much as I did. Mama & Anderton arrived from the Farm yesterday, they are all still suffering from illness. Matters are going on there very satisfactorily. Last night a boat (Stokes') was swamped on the Bar with a quantity of Sugar, Tea &c belonging to Leakes, the loss must be considerable probably £200 to £300! We have no fresh arrivals yet, but are expecting some daily. The course I must pursue with regard to my visit to Bunbury, is so fully explained in the accompanying letter as to need nothing more, suffice it to say rest assured I will come if I can — think what a gratification it would be for me, when reflecting on the lonely deep the various lot of those so dear to me — to be enabled to picture in my mind's eye (truthfully) one sunny spot amidst this worlds wide waste, which a dear Sister is enabled to call home! Shakspeare is the only one at present I have said anything to about Letitia & Robert, he agrees with me, you must surely see the impropriety of it — a young man without education, connexion and only a precarious situation; of all the silly weak-minded girls I ever beheld I think this sister of mine is the most so. Thomas's Brother-in-law called about the *ring* & began to abuse me in no measured terms, thinking the same lad had borrowed some money on it & I would not let it go without the reimbursement, but I argued the matter with him and he left better satisfied. But if I think of it I will get him another in England. Mr Davey is going home as Supercargo in the *Merope*. They are working the mines with more chance of success people who a short time ago were anxious to sell their shares, will not now. Capt Bush went all over the place the other day to endeavour to

purchase some & could not do it. Anderton is a most unfortunate fellow,
he has now a bad [---] on one of his fingers that will incapacitate him for
reaping. They will probably get a lot of natives to assist which will be a
great saving Sarah the [---] & myself are well & all the others *might* be a
great deal better they join me in love &
believe me to remain
my dear sister
your devoted Brother
H H Hall

I have returned the key by this boat